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ABSTRACT

On January 19, 1970, representatives of 9 state and Federal agencies which provide services to migrants met in Raleigh, North Carolina. The purpose of the meeting was to provide a forum for reporting individual agency activities and to coordinate efforts in providing comprehensive services to migrants. The group organized itself into a State Advisory Committee on Service to Migrants, with representatives from each of the following agencies: (1) North Carolina Employment Security Commission, (2) North Carolina State Board of Health, (3) Farmer's Home Administration, (4) North Carolina Department of Local Affairs, (5) North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, (6) North Carolina Department of Social Services, (7) North Carolina Council of Churches Migrant Project, (8) North Carolina Good Neighbor Council, and (9) North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service. This publication represents the first attempt to compile a brief description of all services provided in North Carolina to migratory agricultural workers and their families. (EJ)

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FOREWORD

On January 19, 1970, representatives from many agencies which provide services to migrants, met in Raleigh, North Carolina. The purpose of the meeting was to provide a forum for reporting the activities which were underway among the migratory farm workers in the State. During the meeting there was a discussion of the need for coordination of efforts in providing comprehensive services to the migrants. As an outgrowth of this discussion, the group organized itself into a State Advisory Committee on Services to Migrants. Agencies represented on the Advisory Committee include:

North Carolina Employment Security Commission

North Carolina State Board of Health

Farmer's Home Administration

North Carolina Department of Local Affairs

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

North Carolina Department of Social Services

North Carolina Council of Churches Migrant Project

North Carolina Good Neighbor Council

North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service

At the first meeting of the State Advisory Committee on Service to Migrants, held in May of 1970, a resolution was passed that an information booklet on available services to migrants be prepared. Therefore, this publication represents the first attempt to bring together under one cover, a brief description of the services provided to migratory agricultural workers and their families through the governmental and non-

govermental agencies interested in and responsible for their well-being.

Recognition is given to the following persons who contributed to the contents of the publication:

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MIGRANT EDUCATION SECTION

OF THE

STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

The Migrant Education Section of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction is responsible for providing educational and ancillary services to children of migrant agricultural workers. Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Public Law 89-10, as amended by Public Law 89-750, provides payment to State Educational Agencies for assistance in educating children of migratory agricultural workers. Funds provided by the United States Office of Education are used to meet special educational needs of migratory children, and to coordinate these services with similar programs and projects in other states.

The local educational agency, with the help of local farm placement representatives, determines the number of migrant children in the educational unit. The local educational agency and representatives from the State Migrant Education Section of the State Department of Public Instruction jointly plan a program to meet the needs of the children. The State Educational Agency supports the local educational agency with services and supervision, and the local educational agency implements the program. The local educational agencies also take advantage of the services provided by other State and local agencies.

The basic objectives of this program are established at the State level. They are as follows:

1. *To provide a continuous educational program for migratory children.*
2. *To maintain and improve reading and other basic educational skills of migratory children.*
3. *To provide vocational and prevocational instruction for migratory youth.*
4. *To provide food, clothing, health and other supporting services for migratory children and youth.*
5. *To provide cultural enrichment activities for migratory youth.*

Cooperation with other agencies providing services to migrants is another aim of the migrant education section.

The following definition of a migratory child is contained in P. L. 89-750. *"A Migratory child of a migratory agricultural worker is a child who has moved from one school district to another during the past year with a parent or guardian who was seeking or acquiring employment in agriculture including related food processing activities such as canning."*

A migratory child of a migratory agricultural worker may continue to be considered such a child for up to five years, with a concurrence of his parents, and therefore, may remain eligible for participation in migrant projects for that period. The only purpose for extending the eligibility period for five years is to admit former migratory children with the concurrence of their parents, into the program and to provide children already in the programs with continued services after they have ceased to migrate.

The following program components are provided through the State Migrant Education Office:

1. *The Regional Migrant Education Center has an excellent collection of films and filmstrips. School units with migrant programs are encouraged to borrow and use these teaching materials.*
2. *Two mobile "Automotive tune-up" units are available to schools. Schools having migrant children may contact Mr. Robert E. Youngblood, Director of Migrant Education, Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, North Carolina, for information about how to schedule one of these units.*
3. *The Migrant Education Section sponsors State-wide and Regional Staff Development Institutes for professional and non-professional personnel involved in migrant education projects.*
4. *The Migrant Student Record Transfer System enables schools to obtain school related information on migrant children as they travel from school to school and state to state. The aim of the system is to make background information on migrant children available to local educational agencies within 24 hours after receipt of a request for the information.. The National Migrant Data Bank is located at the University of Arkansas Medical Center, Little Rock, Arkansas. Schools in North Carolina enrolling migrant children will be connected to the Data Bank Computer by a telephone and teletype communication system.*

The State Migrant Education Section offices are located on the first floor of the Dillon Building at 224 South Dawson Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The following personnel are available to provide assistance to local educational agencies:

Mr. Robert E. Youngblood, Director

Mr. Y. A. Taylor, Consultant

Mrs. Ellie Wren, Secretary

Phone: 829-3972

DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Any man or woman of working age with a physical or mental disability who is in need of assistance in returning to gainful employment is eligible for vocational rehabilitation services.

According to need and ability, one or more of the following services may be provided:

1. *A general physical and specialist examination to determine the extent of disability, work capacity and possibility for improvement.*
2. *Individual guidance and counseling to help in the selection and realization of a suitable job objective.*
3. *Medical, surgical and hospital services to reduce the disability <u>if the handicapped person is unable to pay</u>.*
4. *Artificial applicances such as limbs, hearing aide, and braces <u>when the handicapped person is unable to pay</u> and such appliances will increase work capacity.*
5. *Vocational evaluation and training to provide necessary skills for suitable employment.*
6. *Maintenance and transportation if necessary <u>and the handicapped person is unable to pay</u>, while he is undergoining training.*
7. *Tools and equipment necessary to get the handicapped worker started in employment <u>if he is unable to provide them for himself</u>.*
8. *Placement on a job in keeping with the person's handicap.*
9. *Follow-up after placement to make sure that the worker and the job are suited to each other.*

A handicapped person may apply for vocational rehabilitation services by contacting the nearest vocational rehabilitation office. After application the Rehabilitation Counselor makes a thorough study to determine eligibility for services. If the person is eligible, guidance and planning begin, an appropriate job objective is agreed upon, and plans are made for services that will assist the individual in reaching that objective.

Vocational Rehabilitation Offices are located at:

29 North Market Street
Asheville, N. C. 28801

Umstead Hospital-Murdock Center
Butner, N. C. 27509

Alcoholic Vocational Rehabilitation Facility
406 Central Avenue

Box 56, N. C. Memorial Hospital
Chapel Hill, N. C. 27514

517 Insurance Lane, Box 4302
Charlotte, N. C. 28204

1032 Raynor Street
Durham, N. C. 27703

1601 Owen Drive
Fayetteville, N. C. 28304

201 S. Clay Street
Gastonia, N. C. 28052

811 Simmons Street, Box 1853
Goldsboro, N. C. 27530

Cherry Hospital-O'Berry Facility
Drawer H
Goldsboro, N.C. 27530

914 North Elm Street
Greensboro, N. C. 27401

212 West 5th St. Box 412
Greenville, N. C. 27834

355 First Avenue
Hickory, N. C. 28601

Caswell Center, Box 909
Kinston, N. C. 28501

Broughton Hospital, Box 130
Morganton, N. C. 28655

723 W. Johnson Street
Raleigh, N. C. 27603

Dorothea Dix Hospital, Station B
Raleigh, N. C. 27602

323 N. Main Street
Salisbury, N. C. 28144

709 Murchinson Building
Box 508
Wilmington, N. C. 28401

208 N. Tarboro Street
Wilson, N. C. 27893

2701 N. Cherry Street
Box N-12

Correctional Rehabilitation Center
P. O. Box 38
Maury, N. C. 28554

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH MIGRANT PROJECT

The objectives of the North Carolina State Board of Health Migrant Project are:

1. *To provide consultation to local health departments, voluntary community organizations and related groups to meet the health needs of seasonally employed migratory agricultural workers.*
2. *To stimulate, organize, plan and implement community health service clinics, and other activities emphasizing health care to migrants.*
3. *To provide services in selected areas to migrants through local health departments, voluntary organizations and other groups.*

Major activities of the Migrant Health Project encompass a wide range of program planning, consultation, coordination, and training and orientation services to the migrant personnel in local migrant health projects, local health departments and other local and state agencies involved in serving the migrant population.

As of 1970, four local seasonal migrant health projects, funded by the U. S. Public Health Service, were in operation in the State of North Carolina:

1. *The Albemarle Migrant Health Project serves migrants in Currituck, Camden, and Pasquotank Counties through hospitalization services and a medical treatment clinic located in Elizabeth City.*
2. *The Carteret Migrant Health Project serves migrants in Carteret and Craven Counties through a mobile clinic.*

3. *The Sampson Migrant Health Project serves the migrants in Sampson County. Medical treatment is offered, but no hospitalization is available.*

4. *The Henderson County Migrant Health Project provides medical care and health services to migrants in Henderson County. Hospitalization is offered.*

For 1970-71, a new project to serve migrants in Wilson, Greene and Nash Counties was approved by the Reviewing Committee. This extension came as a result of the State Project's effort to demonstrate to local communities the need for, and the importance of, services that meet the health needs of migrants. The State Board of Health Migrant Project employs health personnel during the season and places them in areas where there is a large influx of migrants but no local projects to serve them. These personnel help identify the needs of migrants, adapt the services of the health departments to the needs, explain these and other services in the community to the migrants, and help the migrants utilize the available services.

The State Project is now in the process of modifying its objectives in such a way as to allow for a regional approach to the planning and implementation of migrant health services. This approach is intended to make possible the provision of a year-round innovative comprehensive health and medical care program in a six-county region with high concentration of migrants.

The Project reviews the grant applications of local projects, approves or requires modifications, and then acts as a catalyst for obtaining grants for them to continue their operations.

Following the agreement adopted last year by the east coast states, the State Board of Health Migrant Project serves as a clearing house for the processing of interstate referrals. It helps interpret current policies and guidelines issued by the Federal Government to local migrant health projects and local health departments. The Project also establishes State guidelines in certain areas as needed to promote the quality of services, especially in the areas of case-finding and health education.

The State Migrant Health Project is directed by Dr. Ronald Levine, Director of Community Health Division, at the State Board of Health. He is assisted by two coordinators, Mr. Amin Khalil working from Raleigh, and Miss Elizabeth Berryhill working from the Regional Office in Greenville. Mr. Robert Benton, working from the Greenville Regional Office, is the Project's Sanitarian Consultant. He is responsible for the supervision and development of enviromental health activities relating to migrants. The Project enjoys the strong professional support and assistance of the various Divisions and Sections of the State Board of Health.

Persons eligible for services through the State Board of Health Migrant Project are the interstate, and intrastate migrants who change their address while working on the farm. Their families are also eligible. Persons engaged in day-haul labor do not meet the definition of a migrant according to this definition of Public Health Service. (Refer to P. L. 87-692).

Information about services provided through the State Migrant Health Project may be obtained from:

Dr. Ronald Levine	829-3131
Mr. Amin Khalil	829-7481
Miss Elizabeth Berryhill	756-1343
Mr. Robert Benton	756-1343

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

SANITARY ENGINEERING DIVISION

The responsibility for enforcement of the Act Regulating the Sanitation of Agricultural Labor Camps (Article 13A, Chapter 130 of the General Statutes of North Carolina) rests with the Sanitary Engineering Division. Sanitarians in the local health departments, as Deputy Agents of the State Board of Health, make inspections and work with the growers and crew leaders. District Sanitarians assist the local sanitarians and provide technical advice in carrying out the provisions of this Act.

The responsibility for providing a camp meeting the sanitary standards set forth in the Act is placed on the grower. The responsibility for maintaining these standards rests on the crew leader.

The general areas of sanitation covered in this Act are as follows:

1. *Cleanliness of camp area*
2. *Water supply*
3. *Sewerage facilities*
4. *Bathing facilities*
5. *Shelter*
6. *Lighting*
7. *Food facilities*
8. *Garbage disposal*

The State Board of Health cooperates with the Employment Security Commission which enforces the Department of Labor's regulation on Agricultural Labor Camps.

Ten (10) Sanitarian Aides assigned to local health departments provide regular and frequent supervision of migrant labor camps and

other migrant housing. They teach the migrants good food handling techniques, proper methods of handling garbage, insect and rodent control and general camp sanitation and cleanliness.

This program is funded by a grant from the Emergency and Contingency Fund approved by the Council of State.

If any questions arise regarding the migrant program carried on by the Sanitary Engineering Division, contact one of the following:

Mr. Marshall Staton, Director
Sanitary Engineering Division
North Carolina State Board of Health
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602
Telephone: 829-3586

Mr. John Andrews, Chief
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Sanitary Engineering Division
North Carolina State Board of Health
Raleigh, North Carolina
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NORTH CAROLINA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION

NORTH CAROLINA FARM LABOR AND RURAL MANPOWER SERVICE

The Farm Placement Supervisor is responsible for planning, organizing, directing, coordinating and controlling the Farm Labor Service, the Woods Program (including forestry), and Rural Human Resources Development. Six Farm Placement Representatives are assigned supervisory areas. The Farm Placement Supervisor and two Farm Placement Assistant Supervisors are responsible for planning, organizing, directing, coordinating and controlling a Comprehensive Rural Manpower Service in the following counties: Currituck, Camden, Jones, Hoke, Pender, Brunswick and selected agri-business (Standard Industrial Classification) codes in Pasquotank.

MDTA training for crew leaders has been conducted for the past four years. MDTA courses in Farmer General, provided for marginal farmers, have been conducted for the past two years. Courses have also been conducted for marginal farmers on the production trellis tomatoes. Throughout FY-1971, we will continue to explore needs for specific courses in MDTA to improve employability of workers. This training will be based on the employer's need for workers with specific skills and MDTA training slots. When a certain course seems feasible, we will work closely with our MDTA staff and the State Board of Education in organizing and implementing the training.

Farm Labor staff members with the assistance of the North Carolina Forestry Service plan to train additional work crews in hardwood control and setting tree seedlings.

Farm Placement Representatives cooperate with Veteran's Employment Representatives (VER) in local offices by contacting veterans in

isolated areas to inform them of veterans services. These veterans are referred to the VER as appropriate.

The Farm Placement Representatives register year-round and seasonal workers on proper forms. These crews represent approximately 15,500 workers at peak season. They refer applicants with counseling and training needs to the appropriate local office staff member to receive these services.

All Farm Placement Representatives assist in organizing work crews and help them to secure loans through Farmer's Home Administration to purchase buses and trucks. They also emphasize the organization of school age youth into agricultural work groups supervised by teachers or coaches. Farm and wood worker recruitment is attempted in approximately 90 high schools. About 20 colleges will be visited to determine availability of students to do seasonal agricultural work. All interested students will be offered seasonal farm work.

Farm Placement Representatives inspect migrant housing to determine if it meets the Secretary of Labor's Regulation on housing for interstate migrant workers. They also determine if it meets the requirements of local and State health laws and does not constitute a hazard to the workers.

Farm Placement Representatives keep in close contact by letters throughout the year with crew leaders in the Atlantic Coast movement who expect to work in North Carolina during the harvest season. These letters keep the crew leaders informed about crop plans and request information about the crew's availability.

Each Farm Placement Representative gathers inseason wage rates by class on a continuing basis. He reports his findings to the State office and these prevailing wage rates are published weekly.

The Farm Placement Representatives do special recruiting to fill orders of growers who do not participate in the pre-season planning. From October to February they conduct intensive recruitment campaigns to fill the work orders received from the Florida Farm Labor Service.

Through the use of a two-way radio communication system covering 34 eastern counties, the Farm Placement Representatives keep in close touch with all worker groups and employers so that they can reschedule workers to prevent underemployment or crop loss caused by weather, market or crop conditions.

Throughout the year Farm Placement Representatives prepare agriculture worker schedules on all North Carolina crews referred to other areas or other states. They also prepare a "Manifest List" on all workers in each crew. All interstate crews coming into North Carolina are manifested, and revised manifest lists are prepared as necessary.

The Farm Placement Unit provides detailed information on the number and location of seasonal farm workers to:

The Migrant Health Project, N. C. Board of Health

The N. C. Council of Churches, Migrant Project

The N. C. Department of Public Instruction,

Educational Project for Migrant Children

It also provides extensive Farm and Woods labor market information to CAMPS and related organizations.

Farm Placement Representatives work cooperatively with about 250 related organizations in their local areas. These organizations include:

Community Action Programs
County Rural Development Panels
Local Migrant Ministries
Multi-Service Centers
Experience In-Self Reliance
County Youth Worker Committees and Jobs
County Social Services Department
County Health Departments

Each Farm Placement Representatives has a directory of all agencies in his area that provides services to migrants. When migrant workers arrive in the area, the Farm Placement Representative will inform them of community services available.

FARM LABOR AND RURAL MANPOWER DIRECTORY

State Office: Box 2209, Caswell Building, Jones & McDowell Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

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John B. Fleming, Assistant Director
Telephone: 829-3088

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Curtis B. Gilliam, Assistant Supervisor
Telephone: 829-3215

Field Office	Telephone	Farm Placement Representative
AHOSKIE 27901 Box 26	919/332-2943	Wilbur W. Daniels
ASHEVILLE 28802 36 Grove Street	704/253-3671	Jesse H. Gibson
BEAUFORT 28516 Box 515	919/728-4941	Joseph C. Davis
BURGAW 28425 Route 1, Box 15	919/259-2905	Richard A. Smith
CAMDEN 27921 U. S. 158 and N. C. 343	919/338-8606	R. Larry Forbes S. B. Seymour, Jr.
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*Supervisor

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FOREST City 28043 104 Tarboro Street	704/245-9841	Cromer H. Curtis
GOLDSBORO 27530 109 W. Ash Street	919/735-4061	Herbert E. Thigpen
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ROCKINGHAM 28379 106 S. Randolph St.	919/895-4086	John E. Gray, Jr. James B. Muse, Jr.
ROCKY MOUNT 27801 234 Hill Street	919/442-2101	Lloyd T. Proctor
SHALLOTTE 28459 National Guard Armory	919/754-4627	Hughlon B. Garriss
STOCKDALE 27357 U. S. 158 & N. C. 68	919/643-4470 Summerfield	James DeBoyce Brock C. N. McCollum
TRENTON 28585 Farm Labor Office (Seasonal July 1-Aug. 30)	919/448-4251	Grant L. Morris
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WILSON 27893 207 N. Pine Street	919/243-4141	Wade T. Pearson
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NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE

The Extension Service conducts educational programs in four broad areas:

1. *Agricultural production and marketing*
2. *Family living*
3. *Youth*
4. *Community resouce development*

Through its agents in each of the state's 100 counties, out-of-school educational assistance is available locally. Each county's agents in agriculture and home edonomics can also call upon a state staff of specialists at N. C. State University. In addition to the joint county-state relationship, the Extension Service is the educational arm of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Many of the Extension programs should provide direct benefits to migrants. Work in agricultural production and marketing focuses on agricultural commodities which may provide a base for farm employment. Information is available to farm workers and employers on proper crop production and harvesting practices, as well as labor relations. In some cases, Extension workers have assisted in training crew leaders and workers.

Various phases of Extension education in family living may help migrant families improve their level of living. These include:

1. *Nutrition*
2. *Housing*
3. *Clothing*
4. *Crafts*
5. *Family Relations*

6. *Family Financial Management*

Of particular interest is the recent addition of 167 nutrition aides in 64 counties that work directly with low-income families to devise means of improving the diet.

For additional information, contact the local Extension Agricultural of Home Economics agent in your county.

NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

MIGRANT PROJECT

The North Carolina Council of Churches Migrant Project administers grants received under Title III-B of the Economic Opportunity Act, Section 312. Funds are used to meet the needs of Migrants and other seasonal agricultural workers and their families.

The Steering Committee determines the types of programs to be implemented and sets the priorities. One third of the committee is made up of low income persons representing the target population. This committee acts upon the recommendations of the local advisory boards and the Project staff. The State advisory board assures coordination of services with other agencies.

The program plans include in order of priorities:

1. *Economic, Human, and Community Development*
2. *Rural Housing Services*
3. *Purchase of Day Care*
4. *Training of Day Care Aides*
5. *Emergency Food and Medical Services*

All the above mentioned services are available to migrants, but the length of stay of the migrant in a particular Project area will determine the feasibility of his participation.

Prior to the beginning of the operation, the local Project unit contacts local farm placement offices, health departments and growers to determine the number of the crews to be expected, the number of camps and migrant houses to be occupied and the anticipated length of stay. Outreach

workers visit the crews upon arrival to explain the services the Project has to offer, and to inform them of other resources available in the county.

During the operation of the project, Project Personnel:

1. *Invite migrants to join activities carried on at the Project Human Development Center*
2. *Visit the camps periodically*
3. *Provide transportation for children between the ages of 2 and 4 to and from the day care centers*
4. *Act as liaison between parents and day care centers*
5. *Invite migrants to attend community socials*
6. *Assist migrants in setting up recreational activities at the camp sites*
7. *Assist families and individuals in times of emergencies through counseling, making referrals to other agencies, and providing transportation*
8. *Assist mothers in their attempts to create a homelike atmosphere away from home*
9. *Distribute clothing, health kits and sewing kits donated by church organizations*
10. *Distribute food in cases of emergencies caused by unemployment, natural disasters or illness*
11. *Provide funds for transportation to other work sites in cases of emergencies*
12. *Assist migrants who wish to settle in North Carolina*

For purposes of the North Carolina Council of Churches Migrant Project, a migrant farm worker is a seasonal worker in agriculture or agriculturally

related seasonal industry who finds jobs by moving each year to one or more work locations beyond normal commuting distance from a place he calls "home"; who is employed on a seasonal basis and not by one employer for the entire calendar year; and whose family income is at or below the proverty levels set by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Customarily the migrant returns to his "home" community at the end of the crop season but because of his seasonal migration to other parts of the country, he may be disqualified for certain community benefits and services afforded other citizens.

The State Office of the North Carolina Council of Churches Migrant Project is responsible for the implementation and administration of the program. Its address is:

North Carolina Council of Churches Migrant Project
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Raleigh, N. C. 27603
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W. H. Shipes, Director

The addresses of the Human Development Centers are:

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Mrs. Maebelle Garner, Area Supervisor

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Fairfield, N. C. 27826
Telephone: (919) 926-4806
Gene Ballance, Area Supervisor

Johnston County Human Development Center
Blackmand Cross Road
Benson, N. C. 27504
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James Heard, Job Counselor

Tyrrell County Human Development Center
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Mrs. Callie Hassell, Neighborhood Aide

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